



The **GARzette**

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## Dacula Memorial Day Parade 2017



## Remembering our Fallen Heroes



# GARS June Meeting

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL at the Park / Field Day Discussion



**Tuesday, June 13, 2017 7:00 pm**



**Harbins Park  
2995 Luke Edwards Road  
Dacula, GA 30019**

Bring a cushion or your favorite folding chair.

[Directions to Harbins Park](#)

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<b>2 Meter Repeaters</b>	
147.075(+) MHz Tone 82.5	
147.255(+) MHz Tone 107.2	
<b>APRS</b>	
144.390 -- 1200 Baud	
W4GR	
<b>D-Star</b>	
WD4STR	
145.060 + (1.4 MHz)	
440.550 + (5 MHz)	
<b>6 Meter Repeater</b>	
53.110 (-1 MHz) No Tone	
(Offline for Maintenance)	
<b>70 Cm Repeaters</b>	
444.525(+) MHz Tone 82.5	
442.100(+) MHz Tone 100	
<b>(NEW!)</b>	
442.325(+) MHz Tone 100	

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Bill Eggers—WB2RIS 470-238-9603



# Member QRZ Pages

For a few months we will be featuring the QRZ page of various members of GARS.

This month we are featuring the QRZ page of :

## KK4AUA - Bill Grimes

When you click on the link below you will find this picture.

<http://qrz.com/lookup/KK4AUA>

Read the notes and get to know him better. You'll be glad you did.

Here is an excerpt from the page:

I entered the world of amateur radio in March of 2010, after passing my Tech License test. I upgraded to a General Class license on 11 January 2014. I'm a member of the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society (GARS) and Gwinnett Amateur Radio Emergency Service.



A month after I earned my Tech License, I attended a Georgia QSO Party. I worked 80 meters (there were a lot of Extra Class operators in the room), but what got my attention was listening to an English ham operator from the Falkland Islands talk to a ham in Duluth, MN. I could hear them very clearly. That's what got me hooked on the hobby.

Watch for another featured GARS member QRZ page in next month's GARzette!

## News, Press Releases, & General Interest

### EAA Chapter 690 Aviation Focused STEM Summer Camp Lawrenceville, GA, June 12-16, 9am to 4pm

**WHAT:** EAA 690 is hosting its sixth annual Summer Camp for youth age 12 - 18. There are three levels of camp available based on age. Alpha Camp is for those age 12 & 13, Bravo Camp is for 14 & 15 year old youth and Charlie Camp is for those age 16-18. More info and to sign up, visit [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org).

This is a great opportunity to get your child involved in aviation or volunteer your time to mentor the aviators of tomorrow!

#### WHERE:

Gwinnett County Airport (KLZU)  
EAA 690 Chapter Hangar  
690 Airport Road  
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

#### CONTACT US:

Gay Roberts, Camp Coordinator  
(770) 922-5327 or [summercamp@eaa690.net](mailto:summercamp@eaa690.net)

[Click here](#) for more information.

# GARS Happenings

## 2017 ARRL Foundation Scholarship Awards Announced

The ARRL Foundation has announced the recipients of its 2017 scholarship awards. There were 88 awards this year, totaling \$120,650. **The Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society Scholarship was awarded to McKenna Yearick, KN4AMR of Lilburn, GA.**

Source: <http://www.arrl.org/news/2017-arrl-foundation-scholarship-awards-announced>

[Update: The GARS scholarship was incorrectly listed in the article as \$500. Thanks to Dave W4DTR for noticing the scholarship amount was increased by GARS to \$1,000 (as listed in <http://www.arrl.org/scholarship-descriptions>).  
- Ed.]



## GARS General License HamCram Class Saturday, July 22 & 29

This two day General License HamCram Class will review all the material contained on the General License Exam. We will provide lunch both Saturdays, and the General License Exam starting at 3pm on the second Saturday.

### STUDY GUIDE:

We will be using the [hamradioschool.com](http://hamradioschool.com) General License Study Guide.

### CLASS:

1st Saturday - 8:00am to 4:00pm

2nd Saturday - 8:00am to 3:00pm

Thirty Minute Lunch Break with lunch brought in.

### EXAM SESSION:

2nd Saturday - 3:00pm

This is a CLOSED exam session, only available to those students who signed up for the class.

### LOCATION:

Gwinnett County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

800 Hi-Hope Road, Lawrenceville

[Click here for directions](#)

### REGISTRATION:

\*\*\* Pre-registration is Required; There is a no refund policy for no shows \*\*\*

To register online, click on [this link](#) to bring up the GARS.org HamCram announcement web page. There is a box towards the lower left of the page where you fill in your name, call sign, and email address, and click "Add to Cart". You will be taken to PayPal to pay for the course. (You can use a major credit card instead of PayPal once you are there.)

The cost is \$25.00 for two lunches and the exam fee.

**QUESTIONS:** [click here](#) to email the instructors.

Source: [GARS.org web page](#)

# Memorial Day Parade

Twenty four years ago Marvin Atherton, KG4FHB, organized a small Memorial Day parade and he asked GARS to help line the participants up in the parking lot of the Hebron Baptist Church in Dacula. Marvin is still doing it and GARS is still helping and the parade is getting larger each year. It has grown so large that it is limited to 150 participants but that number is deceptive. A participant can have any number of people and this year there were an estimated 2500 in the church parking lot. The city estimated that over 10,00 people watched the parade along its 2 mile route.

Once again GARS overcame several problems and had everyone lined up and on their way in the proper order at the proper time. It took an hour to clear the lot and by the time the horses and knights of "Medieval Times", the last participant, left the lot many were returning to discharge their floats and their riders.

Once again GARS had an entry in the parade. A convertible filled with club members who are veterans carried a sign honoring Sam Thomas, AB4HZ, a club member and veteran who passed away this year. GARS should be proud of its contribution. Marvin has said several times that he couldn't run the parade without our help. His email thanking us is below (next page). Our task would have been very difficult without club members and their HT's. If you see one of those listed below give them a pat on the back.

David	KA4KKF	Kyle	W4KDA	Richard	KM4SWL
Charlie	KM4KAB	Don	KW4AL	John	KK4JXU
Lee	KT4LS	Norm	WA4ZXV	David	KJ4CMY
Mike	N4MEP	Rick	N4XYY	Earl	AF4FG
Kevin	KK4WOG	Russ	KN4CGO	Phyl	KN4AEZ
Ryan	KJ4DRN	Doug	KB6RRX	Randy	N4COR
Dave	W4DTR	Bill	KK4AUA	Bill	WB4WTN
Nick	AB4CQ	Sid	N4NQ	Richard	K4KME
Ralph	KJ4CNC	Mike	ND4V	Barry	W4BWE
Pam	WB1AKQ	Vaden	NN4K	Rick	KK4MNU
Karen	KI4HPI	Richard	KN4CGJ	Richard	KM4CVU
Steven	N4STR	Leland	K9SDR	William	KM4ONE
Robert	KK4QCI	Chuck	KK4TKJ	Neal	W4HNG
Mark	KM4DJO	Donna	KM4FMW		

73, *Earl* AG4FG

# Memorial Day Parade (Cont'd)

## **Earl Whatley**

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**From:** Marvin Atherton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017 9:47 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Thank You!

Earl – Thank you so much for your help again this year! Please pass this along to all the volunteers that helped make this year's parade another successful year!

GARS,

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the staging and line up of the Memorial Day parade in Dacula. Without the many GARS members who volunteer each year, this parade would not be possible. You all do a super job year after year and are very much appreciated more than I can express with words.

Thank you for taking time out of your holiday to help with the parade and to honor our Fallen Heroes on Memorial Day in Dacula.

Thank you so very much! GREAT JOB again this year! See you next year!

Regards,  
Marvin Atherton  
Founder, Memorial Day in Dacula  
[www.daculamemorialday.com](http://www.daculamemorialday.com)

# A Tribute to Sam Thomas, AB4HZ (SK)

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Gregg Freeman KK4GWG, and I am one of many of Sam's radio friends. I met Sam at a Pauling County Ham Jam back in 2012. We were both going for our General Licenses. Sam decided that since he was there he would test for the Extra license also. He passed both exams that Sunday, but I missed my General ticket by one question. Thanks to his encouragement, I found another test site the following Sunday and passed . Thus began our friendship.

Sam received his first Ham License at the age of eleven. He was a native of Atlanta and attended Georgia Tech. He served 6 years in the Georgia National Guard as a Radio Mechanic in the 1960's. In his professional life, he worked as a field engineer for IBM, Raytheon and Tandem Computers. For several years Sam also held a commercial radio license.

As a newbie, I took full advantage of Sam's interest in tinkering. We built a fox hunting radio direction finder and several Raspberry Pi and Arduino projects. He was truly my Elmer, helping me understand what the hobby was all about. Sam devoted much thought and energy to this hobby that we all enjoy and was always an inspiration to me to learn more about Ham Radio.

Sam is survived by his wife, Shirley, 4 siblings, 2 sons and 4 grandchildren.

73, *Greg* KK4GWG



# Beginner's Corner

## Come to Field Day!

Field Day is the biggest event in the ham radio calendar, and it is a perfect venue for new hams. Here are several reasons why every new ham (and old hams, too) should come to the GARS Field Day.

1. It is the perfect time for new hams to get on the air. Most new hams have a Technician license and are limited to what HF frequencies they can operate. Many new hams do not even have HF equipment. At Field Day, there are control operators coming out of the woodwork. You will also be assigned an Elmer (mentor) who will help you get on the air.
2. You can try several HF and VHF bands to see what they are like.
3. You can see (and work) a number of HF and VHF transceivers to see what they are like. There are always several different rigs for people to try. You can ask questions and find out what rig might be good for you when you are ready to purchase one.
4. The food! We have breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and a midnight snack. The food is always good.
5. The camaraderie with fellow hams. Field Day is more than just a time to operate radios. It is a 24 hour plus opportunity to be with people who share the same passion that you do.
6. GARS operates 8A, which means we have eight stations on the air and we are not dependent on the electrical grid for power. We generate our own electricity. I have been going to Field Day for several years and have never come across any other contact that is 8A. Very few clubs in North America operate as many stations as GARS does. GARS is where it's at.
7. If you arrive early on Saturday (about 8 am), you will be able to help set up the antennas. It is amazing to watch how effortlessly they go up. You will be able to see a number of different antenna launchers. It will give you an idea of what you might want for an antenna launcher of your own. It could also give you some pointers on how might want to set up your own antenna. You also get breakfast.
8. We do satellite QSO's (contacts), or at least try to. Contacting hams by satellite is another fascinating aspect of amateur radio. You just don't know who will be on the air. It is a great way to "DX" (long distant contacting) other stations.
9. We do digital. We connect computers to radios and talk to other stations. This is another fascinating aspect of amateur radio.
10. Did I mention the food? The food is very good, and by the way, it is free! (Donations are accepted, though.)

As I write this, I am getting even more excited about coming to Field Day. Come out to Harbins Park. We start about 8 am on Saturday and tear down after 2 pm on Sunday. This is a family event. All are welcome. See you there!

73 de *David Harden, KJ4CMY*

**QUIET PLEASE**  
**Radio Operator**  
  
**AT WORK**

# Net Managers Corner

## Monday Night 2 Meter “Want, Swap, Sell, and Information Net”

### **GARS NEEDS MEMBERS TO SERVE AS NET CONTROL STATIONS!**

**GARS is a great Amateur Radio service club** and we have the membership and awards to prove it. Our club is a very busy and active club and we use the Monday night net to get the information out to our members. Weekly participation is needed to make our net function well. There is only a small group of very dedicated people that make the net happen each week, and we need more members to volunteer to serve as Net Control Stations (NCS) on a rotating basis.

Out of almost 300 members, there are only fifteen primary people who serve as NCS for the GARS net every Monday night. In no particular order, they are:

Norm - WA4ZXV	Kyle - W4KDA	Mitch - N0DIM
Ruth - KM4LAO	Hal - W4IGE	Don - KW4AL
Ray - N4GYN	Sandy - KJ4DRO	John - WB4QDX
Bill - KK4AUA	David - KK4KAF	Kevin - KK4WOG
Chuck - KK4TKJ	Mike - KK4KHS	Donna - KM4FMW

As GARS Net Manager (Chuck KK4TKJ), I really need 26 people to fill NCS positions. I do plan and post the schedule months in advance. Any conditions will be accommodated that you as a rotating NCS need to place on the scheduling of your duties. If your plans change, I can make adjustments for the schedule to work, and I will make those changes happen as soon as I am notified of a problem. As Net Manager, I also send out reminders each week to let the NCS scheduled know he or she is NCS for the next Monday night net. In short, serving as a rotating NCS is a small duty but a great contribution to the club. The “Want, Swap, Sell Information Net” begins promptly at 19:30 every Monday night and runs about 45 minutes. As a scheduled NCS, you will request the assistance of a volunteer alternate NCS each time you have Net Control. Your simple duties will be to tune in to the GARS repeater, read the script, take a few notes and forward the information to me for record keeping.

Please lend a hand and contact me at [KK4TKJ@arrl.net](mailto:KK4TKJ@arrl.net). Sign up to help support the effort that makes GARS the great club that it is.

73 and see you on the Nets!

*Chuck McCord, KK4TKJ*

GARS Net Manager



**Don't miss the “KNOW IT ALL” Net  
Wednesday nights, 8:30-9:30 pm**



We have moved to a new format. We begin with current events and announcements. Then we Introduce New Technology. Then we have check-ins and general discussion. Post net is Rag Chew format.

*Jeff—AB4HF*

Everyone is having great fun on this net! Come join us and become a “KNOW IT ALL”.

**TIME: 8:30 every Wednesday evening on the GARS repeater - 2m 147.075 + PL 82.5**

# GARS Membership Page

## New GARS Members in May

**Charles Bailey (KE4TPH)**  
**Kim Kropat (K4UAL)**  
**Joseph Lyons (KJ4TKY)**

## New Members: 3

**Total Members as of June 1, 2017**  
**282**

**Join us for our weekly  
breakfast gathering at  
7:30 AM most Saturdays**

**at**

**Golden Corral  
2155 Riverside Parkway  
Lawrenceville, GA 30043**

**[\(Directions\)](#)**

**The following members are  
celebrating birthdays  
in June:**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**  
**From All of Us at GARS**

**Harold Brown (KI4FPR)**  
**Neil Cleveland (WB4OXY)**  
**Hope Collier**  
**John Davis (WB4QDX)**  
**Jim Gaffney (K4YNA)**  
**Sarah Harden (KK4WEM)**  
**James Hinkle (AG4ON)**  
**Ray Kaplan (KA9GJL)**  
**Robert Kimsey (KM4BHK)**  
**Yubin Lin (KM4TVY)**  
**Ralph Matchette (KE4IHD)**  
**Lew Newlin (KM4YWK)**  
**Charles Roberts (K4HFO)**  
**Ron Rogers (WW8RR)**  
**Bill Van Duynhoven (KE4TVA)**

## GARS MEMBERSHIP

Your current GARS membership status is shown in the monthly newsletter e-mail  
towards the bottom of the message.

To become a GARS member, or to renew your GARS membership, please visit our website—<http://www.gars.org>

To make changes to your GARS membership (moved, new e-mail address, new phone number, etc.),  
please e-mail the Membership Committee - [membership@gars.org](mailto:membership@gars.org)

You can **renew or update** your Amateur Radio license information with the FCC at their website for free  
<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home>

To update your ARRL information, please visit their website - <http://www.arrl.org>

Membership Chair: Karen Albritton, KI4HPP  
Committee Members: Dave Bruse, W4DTR, Pam Meridy, WB1AKQ

## ARRL CONTESTING INFO

### From ARRL Contest Calendar

> NOTE: For more information click the links <

#### June 2017

10-12 [June VHF QSO Party](#)  
18 [Kid's Day](#)  
24-25 [Field Day](#)

#### July 2017

8-9 [IARU HF World Championship](#)

#### August 2017

5-6 [222 MHz and Up Distance Contest](#)  
19-20 [10 GHz and Up - Round 1](#)  
20 [Rookie Roundup - RTTY](#)

#### September 2017

9-10 [EME - 2.3 GHz and Up](#)  
9-11 [September VHF QSO Party](#)  
16-17 [10 GHz and Up - Round 2](#)

#### October 2017

7-8 [EME - 50 to 1296 MHz](#)  
16-20 [School Club Roundup](#)

#### November 2017

4-5 [EME - 50 to 1296 MHz](#)  
4-6 [Nov. Sweepstakes - CW](#)  
18-20 [Nov. Sweepstakes - Phone](#)

#### December 2017

1-3 [160 Meter](#)  
9-10 [10 Meter](#)  
17 [Rookie Roundup-CW](#)

## 2018

#### January 2018

1 [Straight Key Night](#)  
6 [Kid's Day](#)  
6-7 [RTTY Roundup](#)  
17 [January VHF Sweepstakes](#)

#### February 2018

12-16 [School Club Roundup](#)  
17-18 [International DX - CW](#)

### For more information:

<http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>

## HAMFEST CALENDAR

### 08/19/2017 | [Alabama State Convention](#)

**Location:** Huntsville, AL  
**Type:** ARRL Convention  
**Sponsor:** Huntsville Amateur Association  
**Website:** <http://www.hamfest.org>

### 09/16/2017 | [68th Annual Augusta Hamfest](#)

**Location:** Grovetown, GA  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest  
**Sponsor:** Amateur Radio Club of Augusta  
**Website:** <http://w4dv.org>

### 11/04/2017 | [Georgia State Convention](#)

**Location:** Lawrenceville, GA  
**Type:** ARRL Convention  
**Sponsor:** Alford Memorial Radio Club  
**Website:** <http://stonemountainhamfest.com/>

### For more information:

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar>





## BSA Venture Crew 73 Wants You!

### Venture Crew 73 is for you.

If you are between 14 and 21 years old, enjoy outdoor activities, and have an interest in radio technology

- Venture Crews are part of the Boy Scouts of America.
- *Venture crew 73 is chartered by the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society.*
- Venture crew 73 is coed.
- *Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm, at EAA 690 Hangar at: Briscoe Field - Sports Aviation Complex Hangar 1, 690 Airport Road Lawrenceville, GA 30045*
- Crew 73 is a youth-run organization, which means that our Crew President and other youth plan the Crew's outings and activities each month.

We enjoy:

- ◊ Camping
- ◊ Hiking
- ◊ Horseback Riding
- ◊ Shooting Sports

- Crew activities usually mix high adventure and the use of Amateur Radio.
- For more information, attend our next meeting or contact:

#### Steve Back, WB2OGY

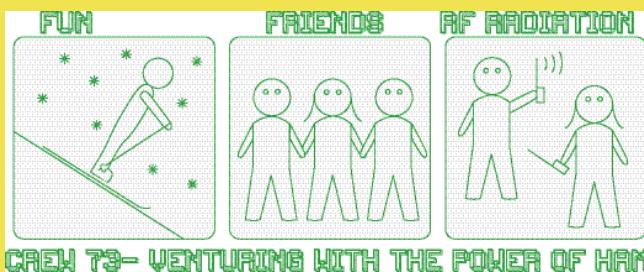
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Mitch Matteau	N0DIM	
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GA QSO Party Chair		
Kyle Albritton	W4KDA	
Multimedia Chair		

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David Adcock	KA4KKF	
Norm Schklar	WA4ZXV	

## EXTRA! EXTRA!

### July Meeting

#### Operating QRP Stephen Hudson, AA4BW

#### Repeater Status

(NEW!) 442.325 operational in Buford  
147.075 operational in Snellville  
147.255 operation in Snellville  
444.525 operational in Snellville  
Link remote receivers being added  
442.100 operational at Goshen Springs  
6M currently down

**L&M Mobility**  
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#### GARS Recurring Calendar

- ♦ Monthly club meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7 pm
- ♦ Every Monday at 7:30 pm: GARS Want, Swap, Sell, and Information Net +  
8:30 pm: ARES Training on the GARS 147.075 MHz repeater
- ♦ Every Wednesday at 8:30 pm: GARS Know It All Net on the GARS 147.075 MHz repeater
- ♦ Every Saturday at 7:30 am: GARS Weekly Breakfast, Golden Corral Restaurant, Riverside Drive, Lawrenceville
- ♦ Second Sunday at 2:00 pm: GARS Ham Exam Session, Fire Station #24  
2735 Mall of Georgia Blvd  
Buford, GA 30519

## MAY MEETING MINUTES

President Mike Weathers, ND4V called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

First time visitors were welcomed and roundtable introductions were made. Ticket upgrades were recognized. Attendance: 60

#### General Business

Sid, N4NQ, gave the treasure's report. Voting took place and the treasure's report was approved. Karen, KI4HPP, gave the membership report: GARS has 287 members.

Paul Kelley, W4KLY, Program Manager reported that this month's program will be David Adcock, KA4KKF on the new GARS repeater system plan. Next month's meeting will be an ice cream social at Harbins Park on June 13 to get ready for Field Day.

#### Event Recaps & General Updates

##### YouTube Channel

Kyle Albritton, W4KDA, Media Chair requested that everyone please subscribe to the new GARS YouTube channel. When enough subscribe we will receive our requested name GarsTube, for the channel. Link is on the GARS website, bottom left hand corner of the home page.

##### Live on Twitter

Pam Meridy, WB1AKQ, recently established a Twitter account for GARS. Follow us [@GARS\\_Hams](#) for the latest tweets on what is happening.

##### Ford Trimotor

Date: April 29

It was a great success. Thanks to Bill Eggers, WB2RIS, who organized it to all who attended.

##### Satellites in the Park

Cancelled this year.

#### Upcoming Events (for additional details go to [www.GARS.org](http://www.GARS.org))

##### Dayton Hamvention

Date: May 19-21, 2017

Where: Greene County Fairgrounds & Expo Center  
Mike Weathers, ND4V reported that SEDXC, Southeastern DX Club will be meeting Thursday evening May 18 at the Amber Rose Restaurant. All are invited to attend.

##### Dacula Memorial Day Parade

Date: May 29<sup>th</sup>

Where: Hebron Baptist Church Parking Lot, Dacula  
Earl Whatley, AF4FG is chairing the event again this year. This is a half day event. Only your HT is required to help out. For those who do not have an HT, one will be provided. Signup online on the GARS website. Around 30 volunteers are needed. This is a fun event.

##### Atlanta Hamfest

Date: June 3, 2017 8:00AM – 3:00PM

Where: Jim R. Miller Park, Marietta, GA

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## EXTRA! EXTRA!

### GARS Calendar of Events for 2017

- GARS Breakfast - Every Saturday morning
- GARS Ham Exam Session - 2nd Sunday every month
- Tech HamCrams March, October
- TechFest January 14
- Winter Field Day January 28 & 29
- Georgia QSO Party April 8 & 9
- North metro area Fox Hunt April
- May Madness May 5 - 14
- Satellites in the Park TBA
- Memorial Day Parade May 29
- General HamCram July 22 & 29
- ARC/KARC Hamfest June 3 (1st Saturday)
- Field Day June 24 & 25
- Maker Faire TBA
- Sept VHF/UHF Contest September 9
- JOTA - 3rd Weekend of ... October
- Stone Mt. Hamfest Nov 4 & 5
- Christmas Party TBA

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#### General Class Ham Cram

Date: July 22, 29<sup>th</sup>

Where: EOC, Emergency Operations Center

\$25 for lunches and exam

#### Program

This month's program was David Adcock, KA4KKF on the new GARS repeater system plan.

Meeting concluded at 8:53pm.

73, *Leland*, K9SDR, Secretary

Did you know  
GARS is now on  
Twitter? Check  
out our Tweets  
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### GARS CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JUNE 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31	1	2	3 Breakfast at Golden Corral Atlanta Hamfest Jim Miller Park Marietta
4	5 7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	6	7 8:30 - 9:30 pm GARS Know-It-All Net	8	9	10 7:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral Riverside Drive
11 <b>GARS VE Team Testing Session Starts at 2:00 pm Gwinnett Co. Fire Station #24</b>	12 7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	13 7:00 - 9:00 pm GARS Meeting Ice Cream Social at Harbins Park	14 8:30 - 9:30 pm GARS Know-It-All Net	15	16	17 7:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral Riverside Drive
18 <b>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!</b>	19 7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	20	21 8:30 - 9:30 pm GARS Know-It-All Net	22	23	24 Breakfast at Golden Corral <b>FIELD DAY</b> Harbins Park Dacula
25 <b>FIELD DAY</b> Harbins Park Dacula	26 7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	27	28 8:30 - 9:30 pm GARS Know-It-All Net	29	30	July 1 7:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral Riverside Drive

## Metro Testing Sessions

GARS publishes Metro Atlanta VE exam schedules as a service and is not responsible for errors or changes. Call and confirm schedules before going. All sessions are walk-in. Take copies of current license and certificate of completed elements with you to all sessions. Find additional sessions online at <http://www.arrl-ga.org>.

### First Sunday, ODD Months

2 pm (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov)  
VEC: WCARS  
Braselton Public Utility Building  
4986 Highway 53, Braselton, GA  
Roger Gibson, WB4T  
(770) 271-4210 or (770) 712-9560  
[w4rlg@bellsouth.net](mailto:w4rlg@bellsouth.net)

### First Sunday, EVEN Months

2 pm (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)  
VEC: WCARS  
Hall County EOC  
470 Crescent Dr. Gainesville, Ga.  
Perry Roper, KO4RD  
(770) 536-3056

### Second Saturday

10:00 AM  
Alpharetta North Park, Adult Activities Center  
13450 Cogburn Rd, Alpharetta, GA 30004  
Ian Kahn, KM4IK  
E-mail: [km4ik.ian@gmail.com](mailto:km4ik.ian@gmail.com)

### Second Saturday, ODD Months

VEC: ARRL  
8:30 a.m.  
GMC Community Ctr  
5325 Leon St.  
Stone Mountain, GA  
Frank Haynes, KV4SP  
(678) 467-3712

### Second Sunday

VEC: W5YI  
2 pm  
Fire Station #24  
Mall of Georgia Boulevard  
Buford, GA 30519  
Contact: Dave Bruse, W4DTR  
E-mail: [exams@gars.org](mailto:exams@gars.org)

### Third Saturday

VEC: W5YI  
2 pm @ Barrow Co. Emerg. Serv. Bldg  
66 McElroy Street  
Winder, GA 30680  
Steve Donellan, N5SMD  
(404) 520-0368  
E-mail: [n5smd@comcast.net](mailto:n5smd@comcast.net)

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## Ham Exam Results

### May Results

The GARS VE team had a successful exam session on May 14. Five applicants tested and all five passed exams as follows:

- 3 passed Technician
- 1 passed both Technician and General
- 1 upgraded to General

Many thanks to the following VE's on our great team who made it possible:

David Bruse, W4DTR, CVE  
Don Bagley, KK4NJM  
Sid Weaver, N4NQ  
Donna McCord, KM4FMW  
Pam Meridy, WB1AKQ  
Frank Haynes, KV4SP

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*Chuck McCord*, KK4TKJ (Co-CVE)

GARS VE Team Leader  
E-mail: [exams@gars.org](mailto:exams@gars.org)

GARS VE Website:  
[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GARS\\_VE\\_Team/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GARS_VE_Team/)

### Fourth Tuesday

ARRL VEC  
7 pm @ United Way Service Center  
6279 Fairburn Rd., Douglasville  
Jessie Clower, KB4WFK  
(770) 942-6466

### Fourth Sunday

2:30 pm Georgia Tech  
VanLeer Elec. Building  
Rm. W218, 777 Atlantic Dr.  
For more information go to  
[www.w4aql.com](http://www.w4aql.com) and click on "Test Sessions"

## Metro Club Meetings

### First Tuesday

Kennehoochee ARC  
Downtown Marietta  
Fire Station #1, Training Room  
112 Haynes Street  
Marietta, Georgia 30060  
Meeting begins at 7:00pm  
Talk In 146.880(-)

### First Thursday

Atlanta Radio Club  
Georgia Red Cross HQ  
1955 Monroe Dr., Atlanta  
Meeting is at 7:30pm  
Talk In -146.820(-)

### N.E. Georgia ARC

Commerce Public Library  
1344 South Broad Street, Commerce  
Meeting is at 6:30pm  
Talk In - 147.225(+), PL 123.0

### Second Monday

Georgia Tech ARC  
Room W218  
Van Leer Electrical Engineering Bldg.  
Georgia Tech Campus  
Meeting at 7:00pm

### Second Thursday

Alford Memorial Radio Club  
Annistown Road Baptist Church  
Annistown Rd & Spain Rd  
Stone Mountain  
Dinner at 6:00pm, Meeting at 7:30pm  
Talk In - 146.760(-)

### Second Saturday

North GA QRP Club  
Board Room of The Shepherd Center  
2020 Peachtree Rd, NW, Atlanta  
at 10:00 AM

### Third Tuesday

North Fulton Amateur Radio League  
Alpharetta Recreation & Parks Dept  
Alpharetta Adult Activity Center  
13450 Cogburn Road  
Alpharetta, GA 30004  
meeting at 7:30pm  
Talk In - 145.47(-)

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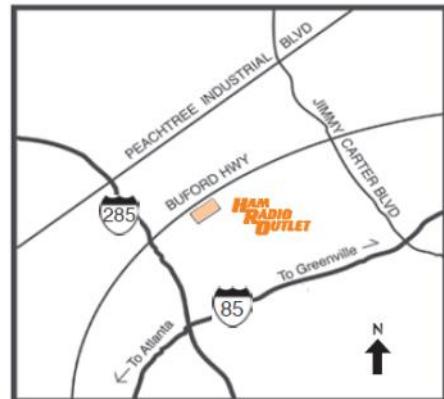


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